

ABSTRACT

The present invention relates to a screening method for a compound useful for treatment of neuropathic pain, and therapy for the treatment of neuropathic pain. The screening method comprises
5 determining inhibitory activity on the action of P2X₄ receptor or inhibitory activity on the activation of microglia, of test compounds. The pharmaceutical composition and the therapy employ a P2X₄ receptor inhibitor or a microglial activation-inhibitor as active ingredient.

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